

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 14, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 21 and 22 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After canceling and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 21-23 are now pending in this application.

Request for Entry of After-final Amendment and Reply:

It is respectfully requested that this after-final Amendment and Reply be considered and entered, since it is believed to place this application in condition for allowance, and at the very least it lessens the number of potential issues for appeal by canceling several claims.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 18 and 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,684,087 to Yu et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,973,619 to Hirose et al. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

Each of the presently pending independent claims has been amended to recite a plurality of gateway servers that are provided, in which a particular one of the gateway servers acts on a request made by a terminal in accordance with that gateway server being dedicated to handle a specific display performance that is included as information in the request made by the terminal.

See, for example, page 25, lines 22-26 of the specification.

Neither Yu nor Hirose teaches or suggests the above-mentioned features that are included in the presently pending independent claims under rejection.

Furthermore, note that Yu's system allows for a display of a picture to be made at a user's terminal, whereby the information displayed is a decimated version of a picture stored at a server. If the user of the terminal desires to see more detailed information, the user must click on a portion of that decimated version of the picture, whereby the terminal then sends another request to the server to obtain the particular portion of the decimated version of the picture, to thereby provide more detailed information of that particular portion to the user of the terminal. See, for example, column 8, lines 18-32 of Yu. As discussed in previously-filed responses, this teaches away from sending picture contents to a terminal as an undivided image. However, given the above amendments to the independent claims, there are now two separate bases for patentability of these claims (the "undivided picture" basis and the "plurality of gateway servers" basis).

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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